the above assessment have since been rejected and they have been asked to make available the details for the final assessment of the amounts. The company have already paid a sum of Rs. 312.10 lakhs into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account.

Losses incurred by IDPL

884. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IDPL is giving schemes in the market on a number of formulations;

(b) if so, what are the names of such formulations;

(c) what is the type of these schemes and what is the percentage involved in these schemes when compared with the retail prices approved by his Ministry:

(d) whether it is a fact that IDPL is still going in loss; and

(e) if so, what are the net losses during the last three years, year-wise and what steps have been taken to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 34]

(d) and (e) The net losses incurred by IDPL during the last 3 years are as under:—

(Rs. in Crores)

YEAR	NET LOSS
1987-88	30.22
1988-89	46.42
1989-90	48.21

(Provisional)

Rehabilitation programme & Capital restructuring are under consideration.

Liability on Flucinolone Acetonide

885. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 708 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the details of notices issued to the producer of Flucinolone Acetonide formulations, when was the reply to each notice received and what action has been taken on the reply to each notice;

(b) whether his Ministry have worked out the liability on these formulations; and

(c) if so, what are the detils thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) M/s. Lyka Labs. have been served a notice for recovery of Rs. 678.73 lakhs under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 in respect of bulk drug Flucinolone Acetonide. In regard to formulations, the company have not furnished any details but have filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court on various issues, *inter-alia*, including the above issue. The matter is therefore, subjudice.

Consideration of reports of various Committees on drug issues

886. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure in his Ministry to examine and verify the findings and recommendations of various committees set up in the past on drug issues;

(b) who verified the findings of the Special Team appointed to assess liabilities against drug manufacturers involved in Supreme Court cases and recommendations of the Kelkar Committee,

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has found irregularities, anomalies, discrepancies and bungling in these two reports; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Findings and recommendtaions of the various committees are examined by the Officers of the Ministry.

(b) The findings of the Special Team and the Kelkar Committee were also examined by Officers in the Ministry.

(c) to (d) A number of anomalies in the report of the Kelkar Committee and complaints about suppressing of liabilities in the case of findings of Special Team were received. A Standing Committee was constituted to go into the anomalies in the recommendations of Kelkar Committee. It was also decided to separately the findings of the Special Team.

Production of essential drugs

887. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decontrol of prices and an increase in profitability of a large number of drugs under the 1986 policy led to increased production of essential drugs,

(b) if so, what are the comparative production figures;

(c) how much of the total production of drugs is consumed by the Government sector both Central and State; and

(d) whether the essential drugs in the country are still in shortage and the prices are so high that it is very difficult for a common man to purchase them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Several essential and mand, de-licensing of drugs, availability increase in production in recent years due mass consumption drugs have registered to several reasons including increased de of technoolgy etc.

(b) Production of monitored drugs is published regularily in the annual Performance Budgets of this Ministry copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) This is not monitored by this Ministry.

(d) There is no shortage of drugs. The prices of essential drugs are controlled under DPCO.

Production of drugs needed for National Health Programme

888. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the comparative production figures of foreign companies both FERA and ex-FERA and Indian companies in the production of drugs required for National Health Programme;

(b) what percentage of drugs produced by the organised sector (in terms of sales turnover) is in the controlled category; and

(c) what are the names of the bulk drugs for which the Small Scale accounts for more than 25 per cent of the production?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Details of production of drugs used for National Health Pro